## **Planning for your Future...**

#### **10th Grade Parent/Student Meeting** Class of 2019





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## LISD <u>9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> Handbook</u> is available online.

## hhs.lisd.net

Be sure to contact your counselor with any questions.



#### Foundation High School Program with Endorsement

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math Credits
- 4 Science Credits
- Social Studies Credits
- 2 Foreign Language Credits (same language)
- I PE Credit
- I Fine Arts Credit
- Selective Credits
- 4 Endorsements Credits
- **TOTAL = 26 Credits**

Pass required EOC exams!





## Endorsements

(Students may earn an endorsement in the following areas)

#### Arts & Humanities

- Business & Industry
- Multidisciplinary
- Public Service
- Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM)



## Distinguished Level of Achievement Plan

- Complete curriculum requirements for Foundation High School Program
- Curriculum requirements for one or more endorsements
- Algebra II MUST be one of the four Math courses
- Four approved science courses
- Consideration for Top 10% Automatic Admission in Texas Public universities, must earn a Distinguished Level of Achievement diploma



Performance Acknowledgements Can be earned on diploma and transcript in any of the following areas:

- Dual Credit course at least 12 hours, 3.0 or higher GPA
- Literacy in more than one language (see handbook for details)
- English Language Arts requirements
- AP test score of 3 or higher
- PSAT, ACT or SAT scores
- Earn a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license





**STAAR EOC** (End of Course) Requirements **English I English II** Algebra I Biology **US** History



#### **Grade Promotion**

## To be classified as an 11<sup>th</sup> grader you need at least <u>12 credits</u>.



## What Counts for College

- Grades (GPA/Class Rank)
- College Prep Courses
- ACT/SAT Scores
- Courses to help prepare you for your major/career
- Admissions Essays
- Recommendations
- Resume



## **GPA Matters!**



Don't fool yourself. Your GPA is hard to raise once it is low. Strive to maintain a high GPA your entire education at Hebron.



## **GPA and Class Rank**

- Grades received in core academic classes, foreign language, any AP course, and ACDEC count toward your rank.
- Once you fail a class, your failing grade is <u>NEVER</u> replaced on your transcript.
- Class Rank and GPAs are recalculated at the end of each nine weeks.



## **Check your Transcript**

- Please check for:
  - Credits from middle school
  - Credits from 9<sup>th</sup> grade center
  - Credits from summer school
  - Credits from other schools (if you transferred)

## Contact your counselor if you find an error on your transcript.



## Calculating your GPA

#### • GPA **<u>NEVER</u>** includes courses taken in:

- Middle School
- Credit-by-exam or Acceleration testing
- Summer school
- Night school
- Credit recovery



## **Dual Credit**

- Dual credit allows you to enroll in classes at Collin College and earn both high school and college credits simultaneously.
- Juniors and Seniors are eligible.
- See your counselor during registration in the spring for details.
- Collin College will host a meeting at Hebron in the spring.



#### **Virtual Learning Academy**

- LISD provides fall, spring, and summer online courses for interested students.
- Visit vla.lisd.net for a list of courses offered.
- Seniors can enroll in Government and Economics.
- See your counselor for details if you are interested.



## Hebron's Top 10%

Students in the top 10% of their graduating class are eligible for automatic admission to any public university in Texas

#### **Except at the University of Texas at Austin**



## Hebron's Top Ten % continued

•Effective 2011: SB 175 Limits automatic admission to 75% of the incoming class

•The University of Texas at Austin will announce its automatic admission percentage each fall by September of students' junior year



#### Advantages of Pre-AP and AP Courses

- Students who have taken P/AP and AP courses tend to perform better in college.
- Courses are more stimulating and challenging.
- Students can possibly earn college credit.
- Grades received in AP course work are multiplied by 1.3 instead of 1.1 when figuring class rank.





- Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) is a standardized test that measures reading/writing and math skills important for college success.
- LISD pays for 1<sup>st</sup> time 10<sup>th</sup> graders to take the PSAT test.
- 10<sup>th</sup> graders who score high enough on the selection index test will qualify for a PSAT class.



## The PSAT is Important !

- It is an opportunity to "practice" for the SAT test that you will take as a Junior and Senior.
- If you choose to take the PSAT your Junior year and your selection index score is high, you might qualify for a scholarship from the National Merit Corporation.



## Your Academic Resume

Are you keeping a list of all the activities you do in and out of school?



## Academic Resume Items...

- Awards in school (grades 9 12)
- Awards outside of school (grades 9 -12)
- Activities in school
  - Sports
    - Especially leadership opportunities
  - Clubs
    - Especially leadership opportunities
- Activities outside of school
  - Clubs, Church Groups
    - Leadership opportunities
  - Community Service
    - Leadership opportunities
  - Jobs



## HOBY

- Hugh O' Brian Youth Leadership conference is a leadership opportunity for 10<sup>th</sup> graders
- All 10<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to apply, but only one student (and one alternate) will be selected



## **10th Grade College Timeline**

- Take the PSAT in October
- Begin researching colleges
- Evaluate PSAT results/work on areas needing improvement
- Update your Academic Resume
- Use Career Cruising to investigate colleges and careers
- Take AP Exams in May, if appropriate (and possibly SAT subject tests)
- Visit college campuses and college reps
- NCAA (College Bound Athletes) REGISTER THIS YEAR!



#### **Other Useful Information**

#### Hebron Counseling Website:

- hhs.lisd.net
- Collegeboard:
  - www.collegeboard.org
  - www.collegeboard.org/psatdownloads
  - www.sat.org/register
- ACT:
  - www.actstudent.org/start

#### Scholarships and Financial Aid

• Hebron Counseling Page



# Thank you for coming!

